(b)(i) During 2001 to 2005, there was no recruitment as per instructions of Department of Personnel and Training (DOPT) in terms of which without prior approval of Screening Committee no direct recruitment could be made.

(ii) Further, the requirement for getting the verification of character and antecedent verified before the issue of offer of appointment was also responsible in considerable delay in filling up of vacant posts.

(c)(i) In the year 2005 the Cabinet had exempted the medical posts from the purview of Screening Committee. Thereafter, requisitions were sent to Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) to fill up the vacant posts and the posts are now being filled.

(ii) With the approval of Committee of Secretaries, provisional offers of appointment are now being issued to the recommended candidates pending verification of their character and antecedents to avoid delay in recruitment.

(iii) To tide-over the shortage, contractual appoinments are also being resorted to where posts could not be filled on regular basis.

Proposal for health spending during Eleventh Plan

†2022. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal has been formulated for spending Rs. 1,36,147 crores on health and medicines during Eleventh Five Year Plan by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether funds have been allocated for Ayurveda system of medicine in this proposal; and

(d) if so, the amount of funds allocated along with the amount allocated for research work in this field?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Rs. 1,36,147 crore is tentatively proposed to be allocated to the Department of Health and Family Welare during the Eleventh Five Year Plan. Out of the proposed outlay, an outlay of Rs. 89,478 crore and Rs. 46,669 crore has been projected under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) and Health sector respectively for the Eleventh Five Year Plan. Additionally Rs. 625 crore will be contributed by Department of AYUSH to make a total of Rs. 90103 crores for NRHM.

(c) No.

(d) An amount of Rs. 3988 crore has been proposed for Department of AYUSH during the Eleventh Five Year Plan. Out of this amount, Rs. 395.50 crore is earmarked under the Head "Research Councils" for research work in the field of AYUSH.

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